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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING RELIABLE INTEROPERATION OF A
PLURALITY OF INDEPENDENT SOFTWARE MODULES**

the specification of which:

is attached hereto.
 was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) April 21, 1999 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 09/295,818 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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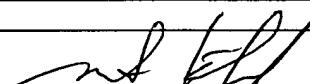
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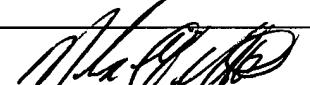
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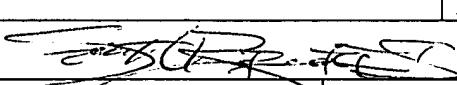
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